



# TOWN OF VERNON

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## ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

14 Park Place, First Floor Probate Court Conference Room, Vernon, Connecticut

### MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2016 - 6:30 PM

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Energy Improvement District was called to order by Chairman Jeffrey Boulrice at 6:33 pm. Members also present Elizabeth Landry, Tom Aitkin. Members Absent: Jason Ellis, and Elmar Alikhanov. Staff present: Town Administrator John D. Ward, WPCA Staff Liaison Steve Boske, and Recording Secretary Leslie Campolongo.

#### 2. PRESENTATIONS

#### 3. PENDING BUSINESS

Minutes - March 28, 2016 – Motion to accept the minutes as present was made by Mr. Boulrice and seconded by Mr. Aitkin. Motion carried 2-0 with one abstention, by Ms. Landry.

Discussion also took place regarding Board membership, micro grids, fuel cells, and their respective resiliency and sustainability. Mr. Boulrice mentioned that the CT DEEP website contains a list of Fuel Cells in operation.

Discussion also took place regarding the EIDB article for the Events Magazine.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

Solarize CT-Round 8 - Mr. Boulrice reported that Round 7 is complete, and that Round 8 funding will be announced soon. 64 Towns currently participate with 2200 homes being converted to solar. Solarize CT partners with SmartPower to publish and produce material. Discussion took place regarding program requirements, business installation and residential installation, the vetting of contractors, payback periods, the assembling of a volunteer team and opportunities to promote the program.

Motion made by Mr. Boulrice to continue research on Round 8 Solarize CT in order for the Town to enter into program at a future date. Motion seconded by Ms. Landry. Motion carried unanimously.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### a. Sustainable CT Energy Network Semi-annual Gathering (9/10/16)

Mr. Boulrice attended the session in North Haven. Approximately 30 towns were represented. State is undertaking benchmarking of municipalities in order to reduce energy costs. The next meeting of the CT Energy Network is in approximately six months.

### b. COST - Municipal Energy Summit 2016 (9/22/2016). Mr. Ward briefed the Board on the recent COST Energy Summit he attended, sponsored by Eversource. Discussion took place regarding various efficiencies including HVAC and cost saving measures for the Town. Ms. Landry expressed the possibility of inviting presenters to attend an EIDB meeting. Mr. Ward will reach out to Celtic Energy regarding this possibility.

## 6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mr. Ward presented an update on the **Streetlight Conversion** by Tanko Energy, which is completed. A Service Contract on the lights has just been signed, with an approximate cost of about \$20K a year. The Town is awaiting the rebate monies from Eversource. Project total is approximately \$800K.

Mr. Ward updated the Board regarding the **Virtual Net-Metering Program** with Lodestar, which has been slightly delayed to approximately December 2016.

Mr. Boske updated the Board on the **WPCA Facility upgrade**. Current phase is the Facility Plan study, which includes an energy evaluation. Study should take approximately one-year.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Ms. Landry, seconded by Mr. Aitkin. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting closed at 7:53 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leslie S. Campolongo